

STATE CONVENTION.

The State Convention of the Democratic-Conservative Party of North Carolina will meet at Greensboro on Wednesday, the first day of May next.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Conservative and Democratic Citizens of Wake County will hold a Convention at the Court House in this city, on Saturday, April 13th, 1872, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the county in the approaching State Convention, at Greensboro, and to form a more perfect organization for the coming campaign. Chairmen of township committees are requested to hold primary meetings in their respective townships and select delegates to attend this county Convention.

G. H. SNOW,
Ch'n County Executive Committee.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Conservative party of the county of Granville, in the court house at Oxford, on Saturday, the 13th of April next, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Greensboro and Congressional Conventions and for making arrangements for the ensuing campaign. The various townships are requested to hold meetings and send delegates to the same. J. T. LITTLEJOHN,
Chairman Ex. Com for the county of Granville.

THE KU KLUX LAW BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

The Radical officials were greatly rejoiced at the prospect that the Ku-Klux law would not be taken up on its merits at this term of the Supreme Court of the United States. It will be remembered that when the case *ex parte Avery* from South Carolina was brought up a few weeks since, a motion was made to dismiss the suit on technical grounds, which was allowed by the Court. This produced wonderful rejoicing in the Radical camp, as it was thought it would be an end of the matter until next June, and in the meantime the Radical understrappers would have full leave, during the summer campaign, to continue the enforcement of that infamous law, which is a disgrace to the statute books and a blot upon the civilization of the age. The Radicals feared that if the law was considered on its merits, the Supreme Court would pronounce it unconstitutional, and thus one of their main political props would fall to the ground. Consequently, they threw every obstacle in the way of its consideration by the Court, and finally succeeded in having the case of *Avery* dismissed on purely technical grounds.

The Radical joy over the temporary victory is destined to be short-lived. It is now authoritatively stated that other cases have been made up from South Carolina by Hon. Reverdy Johnson and Henry Stanberry, of counsel for the Defendants in the Ku Klux investigation, and that motions for writs of *Habeas Corpus* and *Certiorari* were granted by the Court on the 25th ultimo. These cases will be heard on argument the 12th April, when, as we have strong grounds for believing, the constitutionality of the Ku Klux law will be tested on its merits, or rather, more properly speaking, its demerits.

This is gratifying intelligence. There is a well settled conviction in the public mind, which has been produced by the opinions of some of the ablest and most distinguished lawyers in the Union, that the Ku Klux Act of Congress, in which the writ of *Habeas Corpus* can be suspended at the will of the President, is a palpable and flagrant violation of the Constitution. The Act, when it was first considered in Congress, was strongly opposed by some of the ablest and more moderate of the Republican members, and it was with great difficulty it was at last forced through under the party lash.

Of course it is impossible to say what the opinion of the Supreme Court will be; but we have strong hopes that it will be against the constitutionality of that law. If we should be disappointed in this, it certainly cannot be any worse for the country than at present. In fact, it would be better to have some decision by the Court, even if it be in favor of the law, because it will tend to settle the suspense and anxiety in regard to the question, and would not increase the outrages which are being everywhere constantly perpetrated under cover of the law.

No doubt there will be a strenuous effort made on the part of the Government to postpone the consideration of the cases which have been set for hearing on the 12th inst., as it has cause to dread the opinion of the Court.

If the Supreme Court of the United States, that tribunal to which the eyes of American people have been accustomed to turn for safety and protection in times of turmoil and political frenzy, when the wild waves of party madness overlap the barriers of the Constitution, shall fail in its high and exalted trust, then the hope of Constitutionalism is lost and the strongest bulwark of the Republic torn down and demolished.

PENNSYLVANIA LIBERALS.

We commented yesterday on the manifesto of the New York Liberals, signed by Mr. Greeley, Mr. Fred. A. Conkling and other leading Republicans of the Empire State. We alluded to the powerful influence it was exerting in favor of the Cincinnati Convention. This action assures the electoral vote of New York against the Philadelphia nominee.

The Liberal movement is rapidly gaining ground in Pennsylvania, also. Forney's paper, the *Philadelphia Press*, a Grant organ, gives the names of a number of distinguished Republicans in Pennsylvania who will attend the Cincinnati Convention, among them Senator A. K. McClure, Hon. J. K. Morehead, Judge Pettes, Gen. Joseph Cate and several others.

It is stated that Governor Curtin may attend the Cincinnati Convention. It is probable, then, that the Old Keystone State, like New York, may be counted on for the Opposition, by which we mean the opponents of Grant.

OUR STOCK IN TRADE.

The *Era* says the "stock in trade" of the News is "the fraud and peculations of Republicans."

Then indeed is our "stock" ample, complete and well assorted, and we shall have abundant resources to fall back on as occasion may require. We feel complimented that the *Era* should bear such strong testimony to our zeal in denunciation of the "frauds and peculations of Republicans." If during our brief editorial career, we have had any agency in directing the minds of the public to the racialities and enormities of Radicalism, we feel that we have at least been of some service to the State. The *Era's* language, instead of deterring us from the discharge of our duty, tends rather to stimulate our efforts in exposing the "frauds and peculations of Republicans."

THE RADICAL KU KLUX.

If the Lowreys were Democrats and their victims Radicals, the whole North would have been startled by thrilling accounts of Ku Klux murders. Robeson county would be kept constantly overrun by United States troops. Radical Congressmen would howl their denunciations from the halls of the National Capitol; and the whole country, from one end to the other would be excited and aroused by the details of the enormities of the dark and bloody deeds that have been perpetrated in the county of Robeson. Instead of confining their operations to Sampson, Cleveland, Rockingham, and other localities, where respectable citizens are being arrested, the United States officials would be scouring the swamps of Robeson in search of the Ku Klux murderers.

TARDY BUT NOT SATISFACTORY.

The *Era* of yesterday devotes two mortal columns and a half to the defence of Gov. Caldwell in his efforts to catch the Lowreys. This vindication is no doubt highly satisfactory to the Governor and the *Era*—but will not be satisfactory to the public.

"*Parturient montes; ridiculous nus nascitur*," which being freely translated means that the Governor has, after a most laborious effort, signally failed to make good his defence.

Arguments and entreaty having failed to move the Governor to the performance of his duty, we shall postpone farther strictures for the present.

NEW BOOKS.

Salted with Fire.—A Novel By H. M. LEGRANGE. Cloth 12mo. \$1.00. Just Published.

This is the production of a vigorous, cultivated and pure mind. It is pronounced by the most distinguished and successful authors of American Novels to be "superior to" (naming the most popular Novel published in this country during the past year).

The Angel in the Cloud.—A POEM BY EDWIN W. FULLER. A new and handsome Edition in press, will be ready by 1st March.

"A real poem, beautiful, strong and earnest. In an age when the light 'Jim Bludsoe' poets, who see no light except in the phosphorescence of uttridity, are giving the public their wretched slang, the young poet furnishes us something worthy to be read by men."

We acknowledge the receipt of the above North Carolina productions, from the publishers, Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son, 17, Murray St., New York, through the hands of Mr. A. Williams, Bookseller in this city. Both works are most elegantly bound.

The first is from the pen of Miss Rebecca Cameron, ("H. M. Legrange") of Hillsboro, and is spoken of in exalted terms of commendation. We will give our opinion of its merits, whatever that may be forth, as soon as we read it.

Mr. Fuller's poem we have read and reviewed heretofore.

A negro employed on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad fell down a cliff forty feet high, head foremost on a pile of rocks. He remained senseless several hours, got up and washed the blood from his face and reported himself as ready for work. Pretty hard head.

Judgment for \$11,531.11 has been obtained in the United States court at Richmond, Va., against John Underwood, formerly United States Marshal, for delinquency in office.

Mr. Wm. Cameron, accompanied by his wife, have left Petersburg, intending to make a voyage around the world.

A revival is progressing at High Street M. E. Church, Petersburg, Va.

JUDGE WATTS AND THE GAME CHICKEN.

[BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]
JUDGE WATTS ON THE BENCH—A SOLICITOR MARTIN PROSECUTING—A BOLT AMENDMENT IN THE PRISONER'S BOX TO RECEIVE THE SENTENCE OF THE BAR. COURT—MEMBERS OF THE BAR, SPECTATORS, WITNESSES AND SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE—AMONG THE LATTER A GOOD SPRINKLING OF THE COLORED ELEMENT.

Solicitor. "Your Honor please, I ask for the judgment of the Court, in Number 25, on the State docket; the case in which the defendant was convicted of stealing a chicken."

Judge Watts. [To the Solicitor.] "That is the case where the Defendant stole a game chicken?"

Solicitor. "Yes, sir."
Judge Watts. [To the Prisoner.] "I want to get an artist to take the photographs of all the rogues in this District. One will be represented coming along with a sheep on his back; another with a pig in his bag; and you," pointing the finger of ineffable scorn at the prisoner, "with the proudest bird that walks the earth, not even excepting the American Eagle, under your arm. Ain't you ashamed of yourself, you miserable coward! If he would stick half a dozen pea-fowl feathers in your coat-tail, and pit you against him, he would whip you a fair fight!" (A general titter in the Court room, and a bland smile overspread his Honor's face.)

"The judgment of the Court is that the Defendant shall be confined in the State's prison five years. Mr. Martin, proceed with your docket." [Exit Sheriff Crawford, with the prisoner.]

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

In order that our readers may understand the Act to alter the Constitution of North Carolina, passed at the last session of the Legislature and ratified in January, 1872, we will publish in the News that part of the Constitution which the Act proposes to alter, in connection with the amendments suggested.

We commence publication thereof in this issue of the News, and will continue the same from day to day until finished. The whole will appear in the next issue of our WEEKLY, and will be kept standing for several weeks:

ARTICLE 1st, Section 6. To maintain the honor and good faith of the State unimpaired, the public debt, regularly contracted before and since the rebellion, shall be regarded as invalid, and never be questioned; but the State shall never assume to pay, or authorize the collection of any debt or obligation, except as implied, incurred in aid of reconstruction or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave.

Amend by striking out the first clause down to and including the word "but," this being the clause relating to the State debt.

ARTICLE 2d, Section 2. The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet annually on the third Monday in November, and when assembled, shall be denominated the General Assembly. Neither House shall adjourn for more than three days without the consent of a majority of all the members actually present.

Amend by striking out the word "annually," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "biennially" being in reference to the session of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 2d, Section 3. An enumeration of the inhabitants of the State shall be taken under the authority of the General Assembly in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and at the end of every ten years thereafter; and the said Senate districts shall be so altered by the General Assembly, at the first session after the return of every enumeration, that each Senate district shall contain, as nearly as may be, and equal number of inhabitants, excluding aliens and Indians not taxed, and shall remain unaltered until the return of another enumeration, and shall at all times consist of contiguous territory; and no county shall be divided in the formation of a Senate district, unless such county shall be equitably entitled to two or more Senators.

Amend by striking out all that precedes the words "the said Senate districts," and by striking out the phrase "as aforesaid," so that the words shall read as follows:

"The members of the General Assembly shall each receive three hundred dollars as compensation for their services during their term, subject to the regulations in regard to time of payment and reduction of attendance as may be prescribed by law; but they may receive an allowance when they are called together in special session, and mileage shall be ten cents per mile for each session."

ARTICLE 3d, Section 1. The proposed change in this section is simply to make the term of office of the Judges of the Department, two instead of four years, to abolish the office of "Superintendent of Public Works," and to insert in lieu thereof, wherever they occur in the Constitution, the words:

"Strike out section two and three of Article 3d, and insert in lieu thereof, the duties of three County Commissioners."

ARTICLE 4th, Section 4. The judicial power of the State shall be vested in the trial of impeachments, a supreme court, a superior court, courts of justices of the peace, and such other courts as may be established by law, and such other courts as may be established by law, and such other courts as may be established by law.

ARTICLE 4th, Section 5. The State shall be divided into twelve judicial districts, for each of which a Judge shall be chosen; and in each district a Superior Court shall be held, at least twice a year, to continue for such time in each said district as may be prescribed by law. The General Assembly shall lay off said districts in due time, and the said Judges may be chosen and begin their official term at the first general election, which shall occur after the ratification of this section. Any amendment may be made or increased the number of judicial districts, to take effect at the end of each judicial term.

Strike out section thirteen of the fourth article, which takes the present judicial districts.

ARTICLE 4th, Section 14. Every Judge of a Superior Court shall reside in his district while holding his office. The Judges may exchange districts with each other with the consent of the Governor, for good reasons, which he shall report to the Legislature at its current or next session, may require any Judge to hold one or more specified terms of said Court in the district in which he resides, or may require any Judge in whose district they are.

Amend by striking out all after the word "office," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"The General Assembly shall prescribe a proper system of rotation for the Judges of the Superior Courts, so that no Judge may ride the same district twice in succession, and the Judges may also exchange districts with each other, as may be provided by law."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The opening of the European and North American rail road has been accomplished and the train has arrived from St. John at Bangor, Me.

Condemn has been discovered in Towns, Ga., has paid, annually, \$19,000 for education.

Blakely, Ga., is taking steps against liquor dealers.

Fifty families are about to move from Chicago to Austin, Texas.

Balt Lake City, according to the Norman census, has a population of 19,029.

The largest income returned by any one party in Richmond, Va., for the year 1871, was \$59,000.

The wife of Judge Weisiger, of Petersburg, died in that city on Tuesday night.

GRAND PIANO FOR SALE.

On Tuesday, the 23d day of April inst., I will offer for sale, at public auction, at the Court House door in Oxford, a

Splendid Knabe Grand Piano, which in the meantime may be seen at St. John's College, Oxford.

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AUCTION SALE.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION.

2 Houses and Lots on Blount Street. 5 Building Lots on Blount Street. 9 Building Lots on East Martin and Davis Streets.

Will be sold at the Exchange Sale Room under Raleigh National Bank, SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1872, AT 12 O'CLOCK, M. By J. H. KINGLAND & MILLER.

SHERIFF'S SALE FOR TAXES.

WAKE COUNTY. On Monday, the 8th day of April, 1872, at the Court House in the City of Raleigh, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash the property listed by the following named persons, for the taxes due thereon for the years 1870 and 1871:

BUCKHOORN TOWNSHIP. Z. T. Arent, 100, \$2.50; G. H. Arent, 100, \$2.50; Young Booker, 100, \$2.50; N. A. Dickson, 100, \$2.50; Squire Holt, 100, \$2.50; W. S. Mann, 100, \$2.50.

CEDAR FORD TOWNSHIP. Heirs of D. Brassfield, 50, \$60; R. P. Finch, 155, \$7.12; Joshua Johnson, 145, \$3.50; L. L. Vaughn, 49, \$3.01; Nat. Warren, 42, \$3.01; John Whitelaw, 42, \$3.01.

MARSH CREEK TOWNSHIP. W. H. High, Administrator, 200, \$3.00; Josiah Whitely, 100, \$1.42; N. Whitley, 100, \$1.40; Richard Terrell, 287, \$4.30.

MIDDLE CREEK TOWNSHIP. Allen Rowland, 10, \$2.41; James Suggs, 27, \$2.42; John Thomas, 11, \$2.30; Giles Ray, 11, \$2.30.

OAK GROVE TOWNSHIP. T. S. Smith, 216, \$2.42; Ellen Etheridge, 27, \$2.68; Neuse Manufacturing Co., 215, \$2.67; W. L. Saunders, 672, \$3.97.

SWIFT CREEK TOWNSHIP. Thos. R. Adams, 35, \$4.25; William Chavis, 14, \$4.16; Quinter Adams, 112, \$4.16; J. M. Jones, 218, \$4.16; William McMillin, 50, \$2.73; George T. Cook, 642, \$2.13.

WATER FOREST TOWNSHIP. Walter Dehann, 295, \$3.30; Mrs. E. A. Hill, 220, \$2.17; Thomas Yerrigan, 40, \$3.55.

RALEIGH TOWNSHIP. John Ash, 15, \$2.74; Ralph Andrews, 15, \$2.74; E. V. Byrum, 15, \$2.74; W. G. Brown, 15, \$2.74; J. B. Bryant, 15, \$2.74; J. G. Bagwell, 15, \$2.74; Q. T. Busbee, 15, \$2.74; David Clumey, 15, \$2.74; D. L.

